

# Numerical Methods week 2

## Learning outcomes:

- Recall methods of solution of inhomogeneous systems of linear equations.
- Elimination methods, Gauss elimination, Gauss-Jordan elimination .
- Implement and use Gauss-Jordan Elimination to solve systems of equations.

## Reading:

- Introduction to Part 3 and chapter 9 of Chapra and Canale.

# Solving a system of Equations

Suppose we want to solve a system of equations  $Ax = b$

Where  $A$  is a matrix of coefficients of our vector of unknowns,  $x$  and  $b$  is a vector of constants.

Explicitly this can be written (for a set of 4 equations with 4 unknowns) as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{30} & a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Augmented Matrix

It can be useful to rewrite this as an augmented matrix  
([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augmented\\_matrix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augmented_matrix)).

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} & b_0 \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_1 \\ a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & b_2 \\ a_{30} & a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & b_3 \end{array} \right)$$

# Gaussian Elimination

## Triangularization

We reduce the augmented matrix to [row echelon form](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Row_echelon_form) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Row\\_echelon\\_form](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Row_echelon_form)). Let us take an initial augmented matrix as:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 17 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 18 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 27 \end{array} \right)$$

pivoting around row 0, we remove all entries below the diagonal entry in column 0,

Matrix after pivoting around row 0

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 12 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 22 \end{array} \right)$$

Then pivoting around row 1 we remove elements below the diagonal in column 1,

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 9 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 10 \end{array} \right)$$

pivoting around row 2

# Gaussian Elimination

## Back substitution

From the triangularized augmented matrix we can then solve for  $x$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 9 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 20 \end{array} \right)$$

Starting at row 3, only the coefficient of  $x_3$  is non-zero. Converting the augmented notation to real equations using the last row we have

$$0 \cdot x_0 + 0 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 4 \cdot x_3 = 20 \implies x_3 = 5$$

Then we can work up the rows

$$0 \cdot x_0 + 0 \cdot x_1 + -3 \cdot x_2 + 9 \cdot x_3 = 15$$

$$0 \cdot x_0 + 0 \cdot x_1 + -3 \cdot x_2 + 9 \cdot 5 = 15 \implies x_2 = 10$$

Now row 2

$$0 \cdot x_0 + 2 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 5 \cdot x_3 = 12$$

$$0 \cdot x_0 + 2 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot 10 + 5 \cdot 5 = 12 \implies x_1 = -6.5$$

And finally

$$2 \cdot x_0 + 2 \cdot -6.5 + 4 \cdot 10 + -2 \cdot 5 = 10 \implies x_0 = -3.5$$

## Python Gauss Elimination

Ideally I would like everyone to be able to use C++ or python. Here is a python code.

You can run python code using spyder, a python shell or jupyter notebooks. All are available on the boxes in INB 2305 and are freely available online.



In [3]: `import numpy as np` *# import our numpy library and call it np for short*

`N = 3` *# size of the problem*

`a = np.random.uniform(1,10,(N,N+1))` *# generate a N x(N+1) matrix*

`x = np.zeros(3)` *# create a solution vector of zeros ready to be filled*

`print(a)`

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[[5.43276602 3.62986307 2.23184671 4.78447635]
 [1.4933043  9.46355388 9.56326641 7.5757791 ]
 [5.05345723 1.17116046 6.01208947 6.45622803]]
```

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In [4]: # eliminating - we are going to modify a as we do it
        for i in range(N-1): # go across the columns 1 at a time
            for j in range(i+1,N,1): # now we go down the column below the diagonal
                coeff = a[j,i]/a[i,i] # find ratio of diagonal element to value in this row
                for k in range(i,N+1,1): # no move along the row
                    a[j,k] -= a[i,k]*coeff # subtract the right amount of the row on the diagonal
        L
        print(a)
```

```
[[ 5.43276602e+00  3.62986307e+00  2.23184671e+00  4.78447635e+00]
 [-2.22044605e-16  8.46581349e+00  8.94979875e+00  6.26067018e+00]
 [ 0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00  6.26741157e+00  3.63664742e+00]]
```

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In [5]: # now back substitute  
for i in range(N-1,-1,-1): # start at the bottom and work up  
    x[i] = a[i,N+1-1]  
    for j in range(i+1, N,1):  
        x[i] -= a[i,j]*x[j]  
    x[i] /= a[i,i]  
print(x)
```

```
[0.55804216 0.12610429 0.5802471 ]
```

To make things more usable we could put the Gaussian Elimination code into a function:

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In [6]: import numpy as np

def gauss_elim(a, N):
    """solves a set of linear equations
    N must be the number of rows (dimension of solution).
    Warning: On exit the original matrix is changed to row echelon form.
    """
    x = np.zeros(N);
    # eliminating
    for i in range(N-1):
        for j in range(i+1, N, 1):
            coeff = a[j,i]/a[i,i]
            for k in range(i, N+1, 1):
                a[j,k] -= a[i,k]*coeff
    # now back substitute
    for i in range(N-1, -1, -1):
        x[i] = a[i, N+1-1]
        for j in range(i+1, N, 1):
            x[i] -= a[i,j]*x[j]
        x[i] /= a[i,i]
    return x

# build a random 2d 3x4 augmented matrix
x = gauss_elim(a, N)
print(x)

```

```
[0.55804216 0.12610429 0.5802471 ]
```

# Gauss Elimination

Use the code to find the solutions of the following systems

$$3x_0 + 4x_1 - 7x_2 = 23$$

$$7x_0 - x_1 + 2x_2 = 14$$

$$x_0 + 10x_1 - 2x_2 = 33$$

Can you find the solutions to this system of equations? Why not?

$$1x_0 + 2x_1 + 3x_2 = 1$$

$$4x_0 + 5x_1 + 6x_2 = 2$$

$$7x_0 + 8x_1 + 9x_2 = 3$$

## Guass-Jordan elimination

Guass-Jordan elimination is very similar to Gauss elimination. Instead of triangularization, we make a completely diagonal matrix. Or more exactly we reduce the augmented matrix to **reduced** row echelon form. Initial matrix is:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 17 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 18 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 27 \end{array} \right)$$

as before

The first step is the same: pivoting around row 0

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 12 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 22 \end{array} \right)$$

The first step is the same:  
pivoting around row 0

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 12 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 22 \end{array} \right)$$

But now, pivoting around row 1, we remove entries above **and** below the diagonal of column 1

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 4 & -7 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 9 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 10 \end{array} \right)$$

This continues pivoting around row 2



And finally, pivoting around row 3

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & -30 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 20 \end{array} \right)$$

We can then divide each row by the final coefficients to get:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -6.5 \\ -0 & -0 & 1 & -0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right)$$

And we can just read off the solutions,  $x$ .

## Gauss-Jordan Elimination for Matrix Inversion

We can solve the equation  $AB = I$  using exactly the same method:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

pivoting around row 0

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5 & -1.5 & -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

pivoting around row 1

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5 & -1.5 & -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 1 & -4 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

pivoting around row 2

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0.285714 & 0.857143 & 0.285714 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 0 & -0.285714 & 0.142857 & 0.214286 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 1 & -4 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Scaling the rows, the final matrix is:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.142857 & 0.428571 & 0.142857 \\ -0 & 1 & -0 & 0.571429 & -0.285714 & -0.428571 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.142857 & -0.571429 & 0.142857 \end{array} \right)$$

The RHS of the augmented matrix is  $A^{-1}$

## Gauss-Jordan Elimination

Alter the code for Gauss elimination to instead perform Gauss-Jordan elimination.

- I suggest copying your file for now, renaming rather than altering the previous code directly.
- You should change the second loop so that it goes over all rows.
- You should add an `if` statement to skip the row with the same index as the column you are working on.
- When the matrix is diagonal, divide each row by the value of the remaining diagonal element to get the identity matrix and  $x$ .
- Test regularly as you make the alterations.

Solve the same matrix problems as before and check the result is the same.

## Gauss-Jordan Matrix inversion

Make a new Gauss-Jordan routine that can calculate the inverse of a matrix.

- You need to extend the number of columns in the augmented matrix
- You need to extend range of the loops that go over the columns

Find the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Check your solution is correct by multiplying the original and inverse matrices.

## Test yourself

Try the test in the assessments tab of Bb. It is based on last week's material. The difficulty will probably be working with the matrices. Try to get a feel for the indices and accessing individual elements.

## Summary and Further Reading

You should be reading additional material to provide a solid background to what we do in class

All the textbooks in the book list on Bb contain sections on solving linear equations. I suggest Chapter 9 of Chapra and Canale for starters.

## Homework

Before next week read about extra steps that can be performed to improve elimination methods.

Read about LU decomposition of square matrices, Chapter 10 of Chapra and Canale.